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**2018 No.**

**The European Parliamentary Elections  
(Amendment) Regulations 2018**

**Transitional provision: notice under regulation 83(8) of the Principal Regulations**

- 3.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies in relation to a vacancy in the seat of an MEP if—
- (a) the vacancy arose before the date on which these Regulations came into force; and
  - (b) before that date, the Secretary of State received a notice in relation to the vacancy under regulation 83(8) of the Principal Regulations from the returning officer (notice that returning officer is unable to fill a vacant seat from a party's list).
- (2) Regulation 83A of the Principal Regulations (filling vacant seat by nomination) applies to the vacancy as if—
- (a) paragraph (1) were omitted;
  - (b) for paragraph (2) there were substituted—
    - “(2) As soon as practicable after this regulation comes into force, the returning officer must ask the nominating officer of the registered party to nominate a person to fill the vacant seat and be returned as an MEP in the name of the registered party.”; and
  - (c) in paragraph (6), the words “Where this regulation applies by virtue of paragraph (1)(a)” were omitted.